

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-7, and 9 remain pending in the application. Claim 8 was previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-15 have been amended. Claims 3-4 and 10-16 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected invention, but have been amended to match the amendments on claims 1-3 and 6-7.

Claims 1-3 and 6-7, and 9 stand objected to because of certain informalities and defects.

In response, Applicants have now corrected the objections stated in the Office Action.

Claims 1-3 and 6-7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response, Applicants have now amended the stated claims by amending claim 1, to conform with the description accompanying Figure 19. No new matter has been introduced.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the specification as written fulfills the requirements of the written description, and as such, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-7, and 9 based on 35 U.S. C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-3 and 6-7, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard to be their invention.

In response, Applicants have now amended the rejected claims to correct the stated grounds for rejection as recited in Section 4, page 4 of the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the claims, as amended, fulfill the requirements of

35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and as such, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-7, and 9 based thereon.

In view of the foregoing arguments and amendments, Applicants believe that they have overcome all the rejections and objections to the application, and respectfully request that all the amendments be entered and that the Examiner pass all the pending claims to issue.

Should the Examiner have any suggestions pertaining to the allowance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the following Telephone Number (845) 894 2481.

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